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WORK TO RESUME ON PLYMOUTH-CAMPTON-THORNTON I-93 PROJECT ROAD AND BRIDGE WORK BETWEEN EXITS 26 AND 29

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces construction work is scheduled to resume the week of April 1, 2003 on bridge and road work on Interstate 93 in the towns of Plymouth, Campton and Thornton.

This project will continue the rehabilitation of the bridges, including the replacement of three more bridge decks. Highway pavement work will occur for seven miles on I-93 southbound and at Exit 27.

Traffic on I-93 between Exits 26 and 29 will be single lane through the bridge work zones. In addition, the southbound traffic will be detoured to the northbound lane via crossovers. Between the crossovers, two-way traffic will be maintained in the northbound lanes. To accommodate traffic at Exit 28, the interchange will remain fully open with temporary ramps.

The Exit 29 southbound on-ramp will be closed during the first phase of the Pemigewasset River Bridge work, from approximately April through June 2003. Traffic will access I-93 southbound via Exit 28. Southbound wide loads over 14-feet are asked to exit I-93 at the Exit 29 southbound off-ramp and continue south on US Route 3 to the Exit 27 southbound on-ramp.

Some blasting is planned at Exit 27 to eliminate unstable rock cuts.

The entire project, which began April 1, 2002, involves the rehabilitation of seven miles of pavement, both northbound and southbound, and the rehabilitation of 18 bridges, including eight bridge decks, between Exits 26 and 29.

Weaver Brothers Construction Company, of Bow, New Hampshire is the prime contractor for the \$20 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in June 2004.